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YALOWITZ DISCUSSED THE MARINE CARGO INSURANCE QUESTION WITH MEL'NIKOV AT AN EVENING RECEPTION ON SEPTEMBER 8. THE LATTER, WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE LONDON TALKS IN JUNE, SAID IT WAS HIS IMPRESSION AT THE END OF THOSE TALKS THAT THERE WAS AGREEMENT THAT ALL MARINE INSURANCE QUESTIONS, INCLUDING REINSURANCE, WOULD BE DISCUSSED WHEN THE TALKS RECONVENED. ASKED WHEN WE COULD EXPECT AN ANSWER TO BALCKWELL'S PROPOSAL FOR A NOVEMBER MEETING, MEL'NIKOV WOULD ONLY REPEAT THAT HE WOULD CHECK WITH ALKHIMOV AND BE IN TOUCH WITH US. JUDGING FROM HIS TONE, IT WOULD APPEAR THE SOVIETS WILL AGAIN SEEK TO RAISE EXTRANEIOUS MATTERS (AS THEY DID IN JUNE) DURING THE NEXT SESSION AND THAT MFT MAY BE IN NO HURRY FOR ANOTHER MEETING. THUS, MELNIKOV COMMENTED THAT WHILE HE FEELS THE ISSUES CAN BE RESOLVED, THE REAL QUESTION IS "WHEN".
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